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**RESPONSE TO DECISION ON REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.497 (D) DATED
12/2/2002**

In response to the Decision on Request under 37 CFR 1.497 (d), applicants hereby submit a copy of the assignment, which was filed on 03 April 2002 with the US Patent Office.

Although a Notice of Assignment Recordation has not been received from the US Patent Office, applicants believe that with the submission of the copy of the assignment, ownership of the present application has been established by the assignee. Therefore, Item 3, which was discussed in the Response to Decision on

Request , has now also been met.

Applicants believe that all requirements under 35 USC 371 have now been met.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert W. Becker", is written over a horizontal line.

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